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Over 200 participants attended the Annual Public Health Nursing/MCH Conference this year, held in Wichita on May 3-5. Dr. Howard Rodenberg, Director of Health, KDHE, gave the opening welcome to participants.





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To view PowerPoint presentations from speakers or to view more pictures, please go to our web page: http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/LHD_PHN_Conference.htm

FORENSIC EPIDEMIOLOGY

by Debbie Baugher, RN Administrator, Labette County Health Department



Parsons, in Labette County, was the site selected to host training on "Forensic Epidemiology." This training was developed by the Public Law Program of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other partnering agencies. A train-the-trainer session was held May 4-5, 2004 at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Regions from throughout the state were asked to send teams from their community to participate and then return to their area and facilitate training.

Representatives from the southeast Kansas region that participated in the train-the-trainer session were Dennis Moen, Wilson County Environmental Specialist and Emergency Manager; Collene Ellis and Donna Thomas, Multi-County Health Department; Janis Goedeke, Crawford Co. Health Department; Debbi Baugher, Labette Co. Health Department; and Ed Garner, Bioterrorism Preparedness Coordinator for Lower 8 of Southeast Kansas.

The Lower 8 of SEK and the Multi-County SEK Regional Bioterrorism group joined teams to present training for law enforcement, public health, local laboratories, emergency management, and first responders including emergency medical services, fire, hospital personnel, and others. The training was held in the Municipal Building basement April 20.

The inventory of speakers that were able to work this training into their busy schedules included Capt. Rick Wilson of the Kansas Highway Patrol, commander of Patrol H headquartered in Chanute and serving 16 counties in southeast Kansas; Jackie Miller, Homeland Security Programs SE Homeland Security Regional Coordinator, Kansas Department of Emergency Medicine; Janis Goedeke, ARNP, Crawford County Health Officer; Oscar Thomasson II, 24-year veteran of Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and field instructor for the Louisiana State University, Biometrical Institute, Academy of Counterterrorism Education; John Randolph "Randy" Mettner Jr., a Special Assistant to the Adjutant General of Kansas with responsibilities to Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Sue Riley, CLS, MT laboratory program manager of the Bioterrorism Program Team with KDHE; Timothy Rohrig, PhD, DABFT, Director, Forensic Science Laboratories-Regional Forensic Science Center, Sedgwick County; and Lisa Burdett, Lab Director, West Region Laboratory, Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

The speakers **ALL** did an extraordinary presentation when sharing information related to their topic. New information was obtained that will be beneficial during a response to an unfamiliar situation and also useful in daily duties. Those attending had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of roles provided by each discipline and the reasoning behind the response.

The number attending the training was 61. The distribution of attendees by discipline was law enforcement - 24, public health - 22, emergency management including first responders, e.g. emergency medical service, fire, hospitals, lab, etc. - 15.

STAFFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

by Doris Tompkins, RN Administrator, Strafford County Health Department



Stafford County Health Department contracted with Wichita State University (WSU), in 2002 to provide sports physicals for junior and senior high school students in the county. First year WSU, Physician Assistant (PA) students volunteer to conduct student physical exams. The local health department has set the annual date for sport physicals for the second Monday in May. The PA students are overseen by instructors, and the health department feels the students are receiving a thorough exam. WSU has been very gracious in providing their services and the only reimbursement the PAs receive for their eight-hour day is free pizza, dessert, and soft drinks. This service has been a great benefit to the local schools and medical providers in Stafford County.

AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR FALL KPHA CONFERENCE



It's that time again for KPHA to issue a call for nominations for the awards to be presented at the Fall Conference. Please help us to have a great selection for the judges to choose from. This year you can fill out the form and submit it by email. Just go to the KHPA website listed below to fill out the

nomination form. The 2005 KPHA Awards Committee requests nominations for the following awards:

- Samuel J. Crumbine Medal The highest award given by KPHA is awarded for meritorious service and state, regional, or national recognition related to the improvement of the health of Kansans and/or the environment of the state. Recipients of other KPHA awards may receive this award.
- Special Service Awards For individuals who have rendered outstanding service to Kansas in the interest of public health and/or environmental improvement. Two special awards may be given annually, one of which may be to a non-member of KPHA.
- <u>Dorothy Woodin Award</u> Awarded to a public health nurse for outstanding public health nursing services.
- Corporate Public Health Service Award May be awarded annually to a company or organization which, through policy and activities, makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement of Kansas. There is no requirement that the company or organization be a member of KPHA.
- Jane Addams Award Awarded to an individual social worker who exemplifies the qualities of Jane Addams, including a pioneering and trailblazing spirit, and dedication to improving the health of the disadvantaged and the sanitary conditions of communities.

Nominations must be received by *Friday, June* **10**, **2005**. To complete a nomination form go to http://www.kpha.us. Additional information for KPHA: phone (785) 233-3103, Fax: (785) 233-3439, E-mail: director@kpha.us.

CALLING FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Kansas Public Health Association

The Annual Kansas Public Health Association Conference is calling for abstract submissions to its annual paper, poster, and materials contest. Public health practitioners and public health students are encouraged to submit abstracts of their original research and promotional materials to the annual contest. The best practitioner paper/poster, student poster, and public health materials are eligible to win a trip to APHA in New Orleans.

If you have questions about this competition or poster formatting, please call or email Melissa Armstrong, University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita at 316-293-2693 or email at marmstro@kumc.edu. The deadline for submissions is June 10.

MAY – NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH



May is National Stroke Awareness month. Stroke is the third leading cause of death overall in the United States and is a leading cause of disability. Stroke caused more than 162,000 deaths in 2002, and is estimated to cost more than \$56 billion in both direct and indirect costs in 2005. Each year about 500,00 persons suffer a first stroke and about 200,000 suffer a recurrent stroke. Risks factors for stroke include high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, excessive alcohol intake, increasing age, prior stroke or heart disease, diabetes. family history of stroke. socioeconomic disadvantage. The risk of death and disability can be reduced if stroke victims receive prompt, appropriate treatment.

Signs of stroke:

- ✓ Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms, or legs
- Sudden confusion, or trouble speaking, or understanding others
- ✓ Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or coordination
- ✓ Sudden severe headache with no known cause If you think someone is having a stroke, you should call 911 immediately.

For more information go to:

http://www.cdc.gov/cvh/announcements/stroke aw areness month.htm

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

July 27 Sept. 28 Nov. 30

North Central Region: Meetings are from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 28 Aug. 23

Oct. 25

Dec. 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 9 Sept. 8 Dec. 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 9 Aug. 11 Oct. 13 Dec. 8

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 4 Nov. 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Garden City, location to be announced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

July 15 Sept. 16 Nov. 18



NEWS BRIEFS

The Role of Our Community Strategic National Stockpile, Mass Dispensing Operations

by Alice Weingartner, Coordinator Northeast Corner Regionalization Initiative 785-368-2039



Local health departments across the state are tasked with developing plans to dispense prophylaxis medications in our communities. We have spent a great deal of time pondering and discussing issues and ideas. One of the most important aspects to developing a strong community response plan is working with our local partners.

The Northeast Corner Regionalization Initiative (NCRI) has developed a program to enable local health departments within the region to orient and educate their community partners on what their roles would be during mass dispensing operations. The NCRI region consists of Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Marshall, Nemaha, and Shawnee counties. Each county has presented the program Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), Mass Dispensing Operations and the Role of Our Community in their local communities as part of our local and regional work plans. This program has provided the health departments with the opportunity to inform community partners about plans to respond during a public health emergency and why the support of community partners is so important.

The program contained an overview of the SNS, an explanation of the roles partners would be assuming during mass dispensing operations, and a simulation of a mass-dispensing site. The simulation provided everyone the opportunity to look at clinic flow, staff responsibilities, supply needs, and much more. We have spent a lot of time talking about mass dispensing, but being able to walk through the simulation really made the whole concept seem more real. As one emergency manager noted, "It is not often we have the opportunity to practice for

something like this before it even happens. It is a great opportunity to resolve some issues prior to a public health emergency."

Participants in each county included a variety of partners - law enforcement, school administrators and nurses, government officials, EMS, fire, medical personnel, and volunteer groups, to name a few. Those in attendance found the program very beneficial and were impressed with the amount of planning that has taken place at the local level. Many also saw this as a wonderful opportunity to build and enhance relationships and improve communication. Lessons were also learned as a result of these county programs – planning requires flexibility, there are language barriers to plan for, and some community partners may require a bit more encouragement to get involved.



Now that each county has shared their local SNS planning efforts, the NCRI plans to conduct a regional SNS exercise in 2006 and will continue to build relationships within our counties and our region.

Prime Western Smelter Site Gas, Kansas

by Gary Blackburn, Director
Bureau of Environmental Remediation, KDHE
The Prime Western Smelter site includes
approximately 100 acres of industrial, agricultural,
and residential land within and south of the City of
Gas in Allen County. In the late 1890s, zinc and
lead smelters were built and operated on portions
of the site. A tornado destroyed the smelters in
1918, along with most of the City of Gas. Wind and
water spread waste to surrounding property.
Cinders and other waste were also used for fill and
road base material throughout the area.

Beginning in 1981, KDHE and EPA conducted multiple investigations at the site in response to local concerns about site conditions. Lead and other metals found in surface soil at nearby residences and businesses exceeded the levels considered safe for human exposure. KDHE has set risk-based exposure limits for lead in soil of 400 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) for residential land, and 1,000 mg/kg for non-residential land.



August 2002. Cinders, slag, and debris covered the surface at the location of one of the former smelter works. Soil in this area was so contaminated that it was unable to support vegetation. It was chosen as the repository for soil from the rest of the site.

The current property owners had no connection with the smelting operations. Corporate ownership of the former smelters could not be traced to an existing company to fund an environmental cleanup, so KDHE referred the site to EPA for a removal action.



Construction of the repository, August 2004. Stabilized (dark) soil is being spread and covered with clean brown clay. Stockpiles of stabilized soil can be seen on the right.

KDHE and EPA worked together to develop a plan to address the site and protect the public. Massive foundations, extensive slag, and thick deposits of cinders in one 25-acre parcel made excavation impractical, and the area was chosen as a repository. Contaminated soil was excavated from surrounding properties, moved to the repository, mixed with a stabilizing agent to prevent future migration of the metals into groundwater, and spread to form a smooth

surface.

A clay cap was placed over the stabilized soil, and graded to promote natural drainage and prevent erosion. A final layer of topsoil and grass seed completed the cover. Rock was placed on steep banks along existing drainage ditches to prevent erosion. The repository was fenced to restrict access, and will be inspected regularly to ensure that the cap is not deteriorating. The owner of the repository site agreed to file a deed notice restricting future use of the land to activities that will not damage or penetrate the cap.



A rocked bank along the west fence of the repository.



Looking north from the south entrance. This is the same area shown in the August 2002 photos.

Residential lots were excavated until remaining soil was below 400 mg/kg, backfilled with clean soil, and seeded with grass. Non-residential areas were excavated until remaining soil was below 1000 mg/kg. These areas were either covered with gravel, backfilled and seeded, or re-graded and seeded, depending on previous condition, the owner's preference, and cost equivalence.



Non-residential parcels restored



Restored residential parcels.

CONFERENCES

HIV/AIDS/STDs Youth at Risk Eliminating Disparities Among All Youth

This conference is designed for teachers, school nurses, prevention and care providers, administrators, health professionals, community health planners, physicians, counselors, persons from community-based organizations, members of the faith community, social workers, parents, and public health individuals.

The conference will be held June 8-10 at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO. For more information see http://www.ksde.org/sfp/hiv aids/in youth at risk. pdf

Fulfilling the Promise of Prevention



The Kansas Public Health Workforce and Leadership Development (WALD) Center will host the Public Health Grand Rounds

satellite downlink "Collaborating to Conquer Colorectal Cancer: Fulfilling the Promise of Prevention on June 10, 1 - 2 p.m. The program will be held on the campus of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

Participants may register for the program at http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu/.

The CDC and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health sponsor Public Health Grand Rounds. For more information, contact Theresa St. Romain, MA, at tstromain@kumc.edu.

The Public's Health & The Law In The 21st Century



4th Annual Partnership Conference will be held June 13-15 at the Sheraton Midtown Atlanta

Hotel at Colony Square in Atlanta, Georgia

"CDC is committed to building a public health system that is fully prepared to protect the health of the American people. A better understanding of public health law is crucial to ensuring state and local preparedness." - Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, Director CDC

For more information about the conference go to:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/od/phlp/Conference/con 2005 overview.asp.

Reversing the Tide -**Promoting Policies & Programs to** Advance the Nation's Health



NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference, July 12 - 15, The Boston Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts. For more information, contact: NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference Staff, Telephone: (202) 371-(202)371-9797, E-mail:

9090, Fax: jointmeeting@astho.org. Visit the Web site at http://www.astho.org/?template=annual_meeting.h tml&PHPSESSID=6fba268ea87391597f64420c0e00 9cce.

TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter Training Schedule



Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service

providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita 1010 N Kansas, Wichita Sunflower Room 2202 June 6–10, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information or to register please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@ivskc.org

KPHA Spring Training



Seeking and finding answers to reducing Illness

Training will be held June 2 – 3 at the Rolling Hills Conference Center, 625 N Hedville Road, Salina. Click here to download registration brochure. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn, 1616 W. Crawford St in Salina at \$60 per night. To reserve a room call 785-823-1739 and indicate you are attending the Kansas Public Health Association Spring Training. To receive this rate, room reservations must be made by May 27.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group

Thursday, Aug. 4 Thursday, Nov. 3

Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.



NC Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – noon at the Lincoln County Emergency Services Building. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

NW Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the First State Bank Basement, 101 E Cherry, Hill City. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SC Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSNA) lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce:

http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.ht m

KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training: http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to HEALTHIER · PEOPLE PHTN Web site at

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator, at (785) 625-5663 for assistance.

May Downlinks or Webcasts

06/10/05 1:00 - 2:00 PM	"Public Health Grand Rounds" Collaborating to Conquer Colorectal Cancer: Fulfilling the Promise of Prevention
	For more information, visit http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu .
06/23/05	South Central Center for Public

12:00 - 1:30 PM	Health Preparedness presents: National Incident Management System For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
06/28/05 1:00 - 2:30 PM	Directors of Health Promotion & Education presents: CDC Future's Initiative: What it means for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
06/29/05 12:00 - 2:00 PM	Changes in Cervical Cancer Screening: The Science Makes Sense Additional information and online registration can be found on our website: http://www.mpres.org/programs/s atel/satellite.htm.

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at http://kuahec.kumc.edu or trainings at http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128 **SW Kansas** – Register or call at 620-275-0259 **SE Kansas** – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs: **Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:** http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm

CDC BT programs:

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA:

http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN

completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn to bsn.

htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN: http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program:

http://www.washburn.edu/sonu or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: http://www.RNCE.org

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: http://www.waldcenter.org

The Public Health Training Network:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgibin/calweb/calweb.cgi

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of

distance learning course listings

http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr

MPH Kansas: http://mph.kumc.edu

National Library of Medicine:

http://www.nlm.nih.gov

CDC BT Training:

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness

Center: http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_pu

b.htm.

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.as

Public Health Training Centers:

http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:

http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm

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